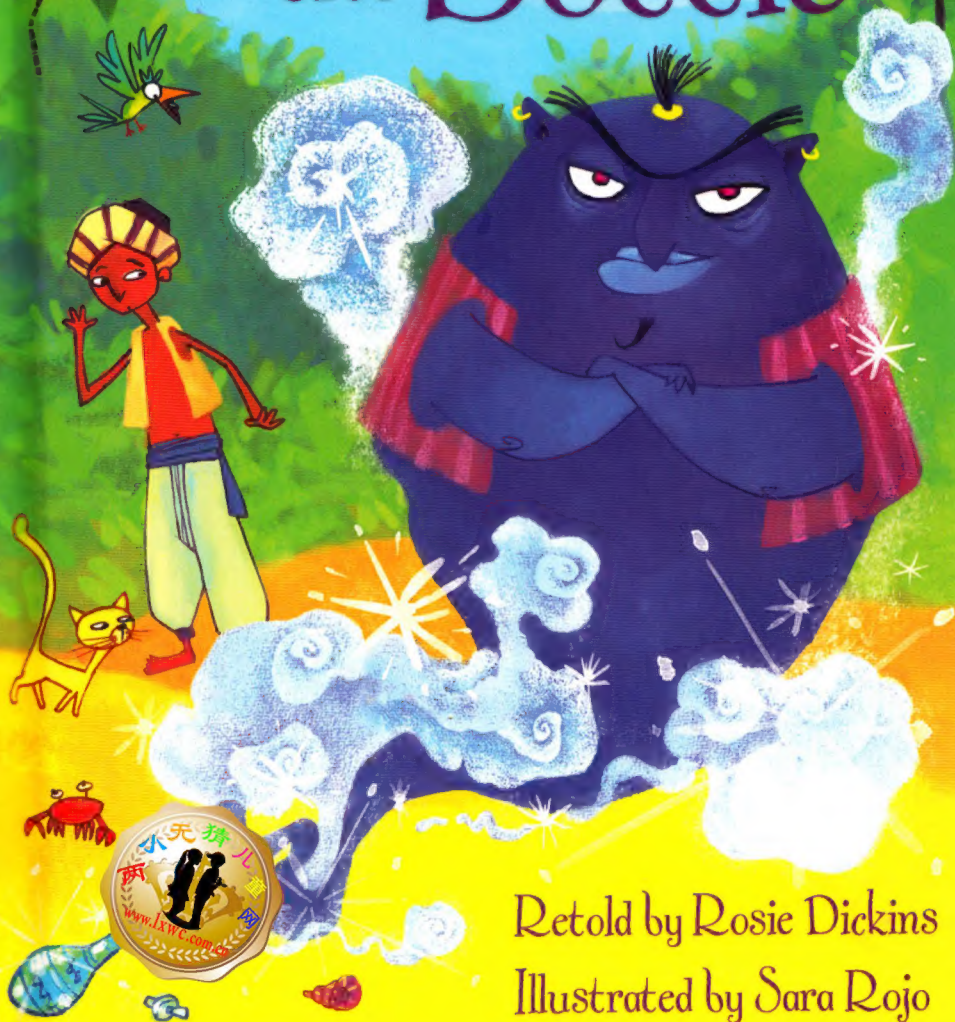


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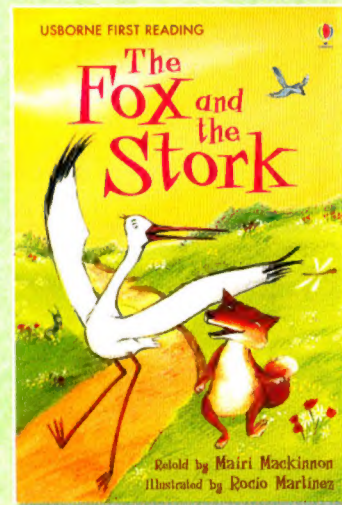
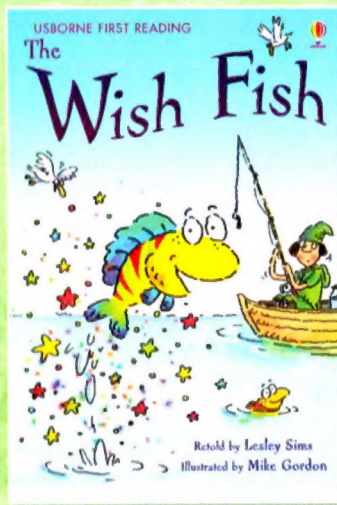
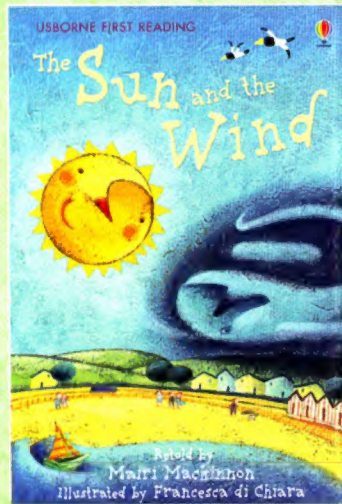
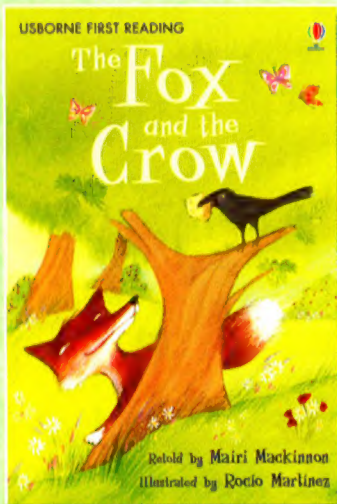


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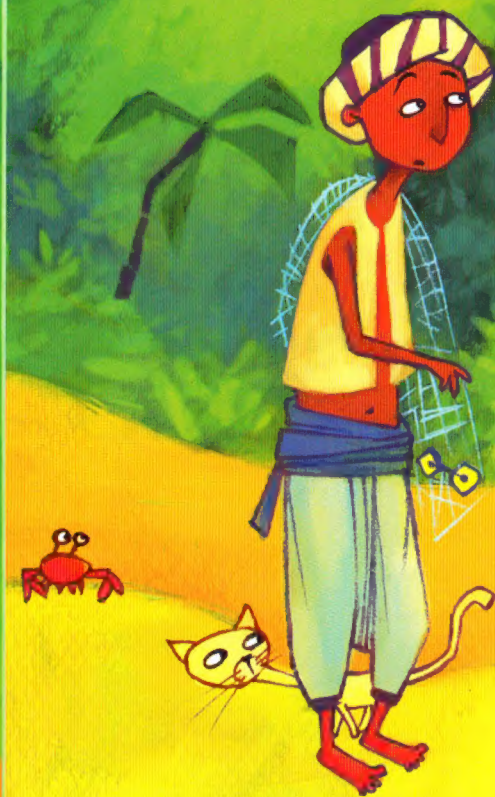
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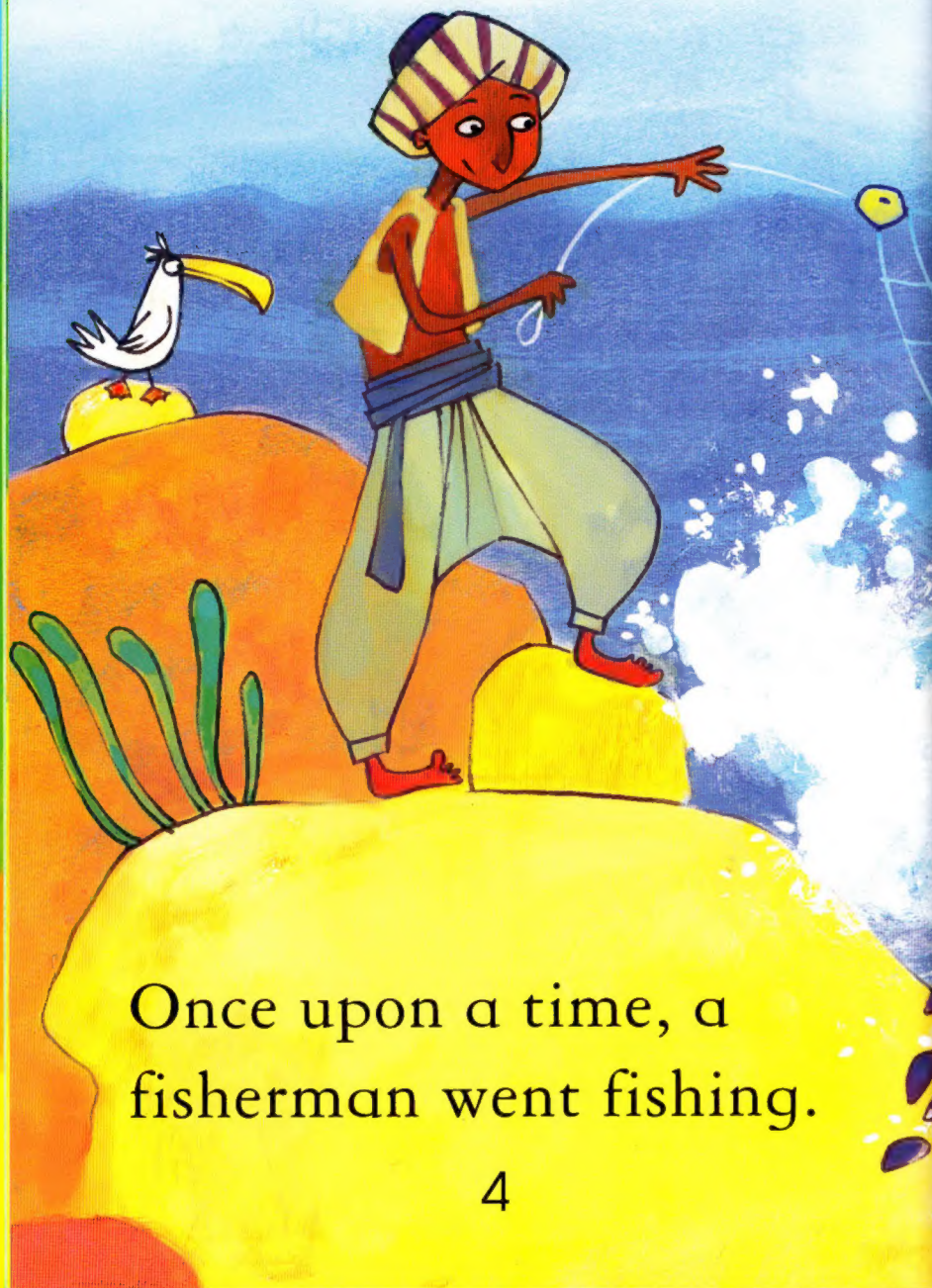
This story is about a fisherman,



a bottle




and a BIG bad genie.

A fisherman with a red face and a striped headband stands on a yellow rock. He is wearing a red tunic and a green skirt, and is barefoot. He is holding a fishing net that is spread out over the water. A white seagull with a yellow beak is perched on a yellow rock to his left. The background shows a blue sky and a blue sea with white waves.

Once upon a time, a
fisherman went fishing.

He threw his nets again
and again.

A yellow cat with a long tail is perched on a yellow rock. The cat is looking out over the sea. The background shows a blue sky and a blue sea with white waves. A fishing net is spread out over the water, with several yellow fish visible inside it.

He caught
slimy seaweed...



shiny shells...

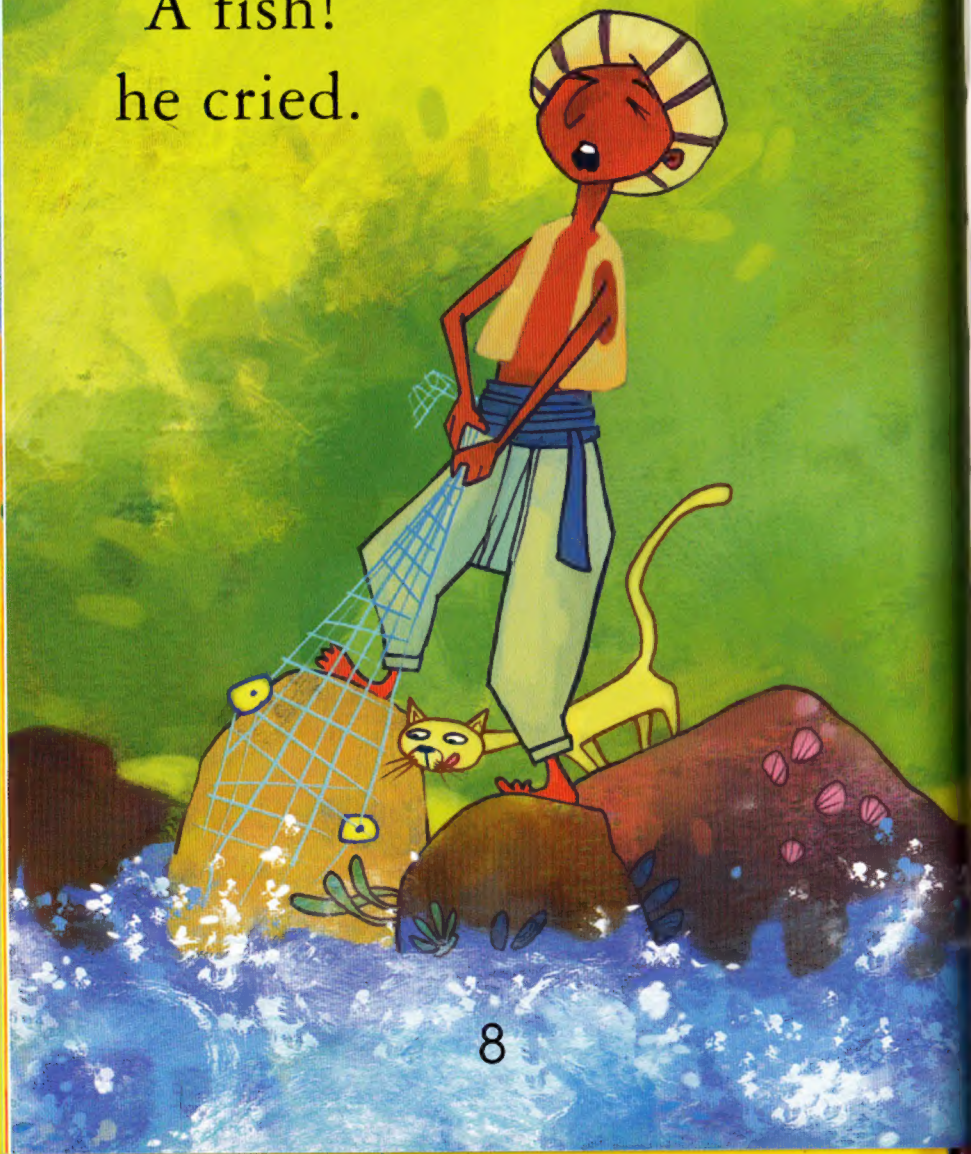


and a smelly sock.



Then, he caught
something else.

“A fish!”
he cried.

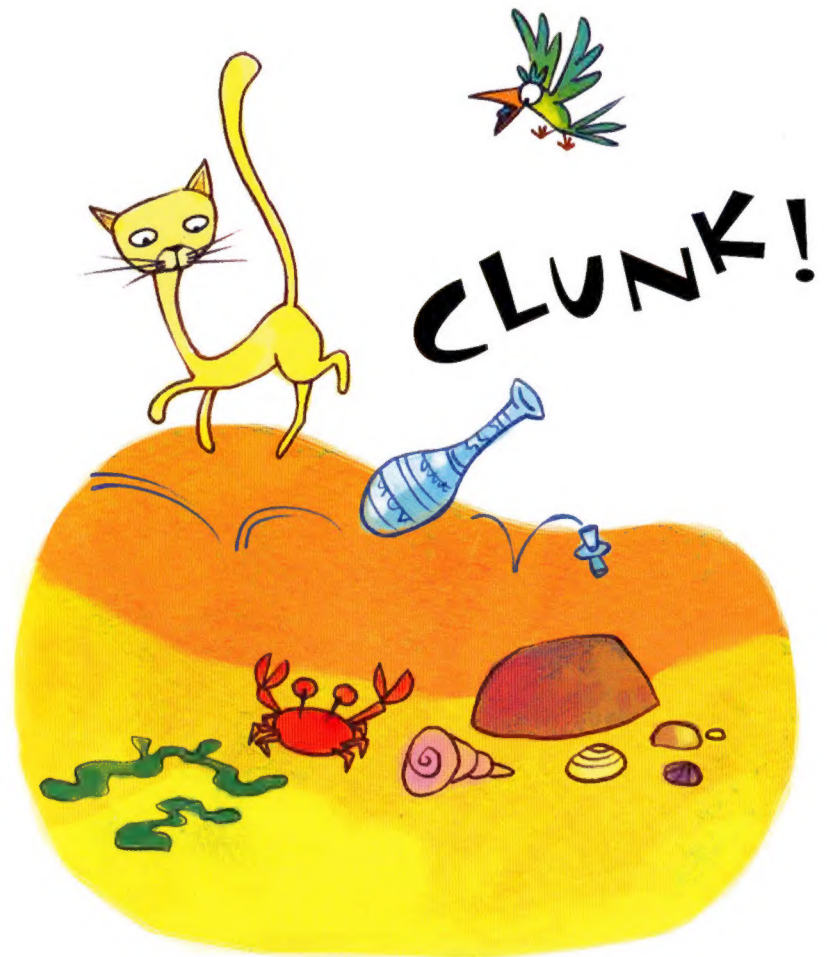


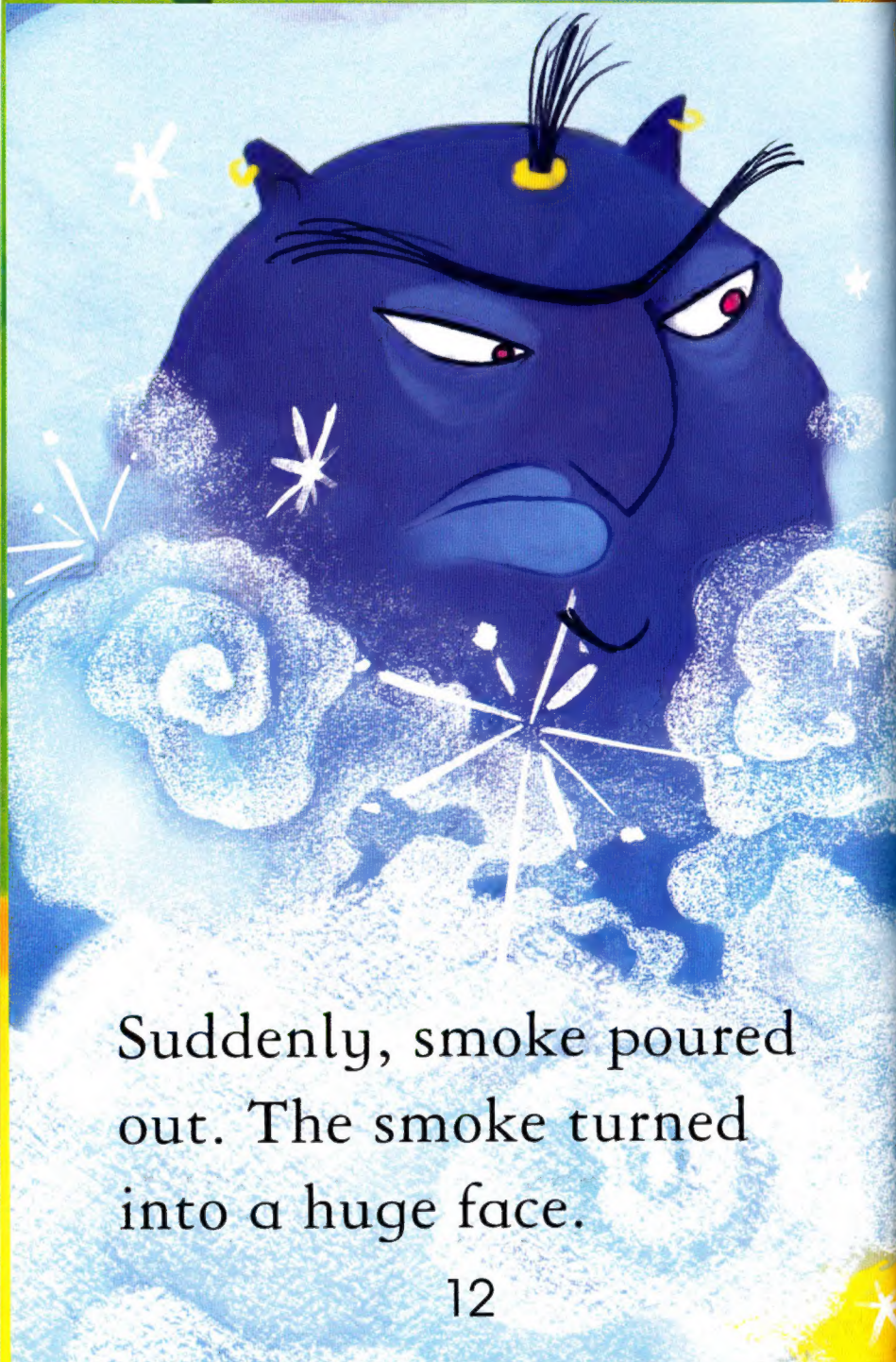
But it wasn't.
It was an old bottle.



He pulled out the
stopper and looked in.

“Empty,” he sighed.
And he threw it away.





Suddenly, smoke poured out. The smoke turned into a huge face.

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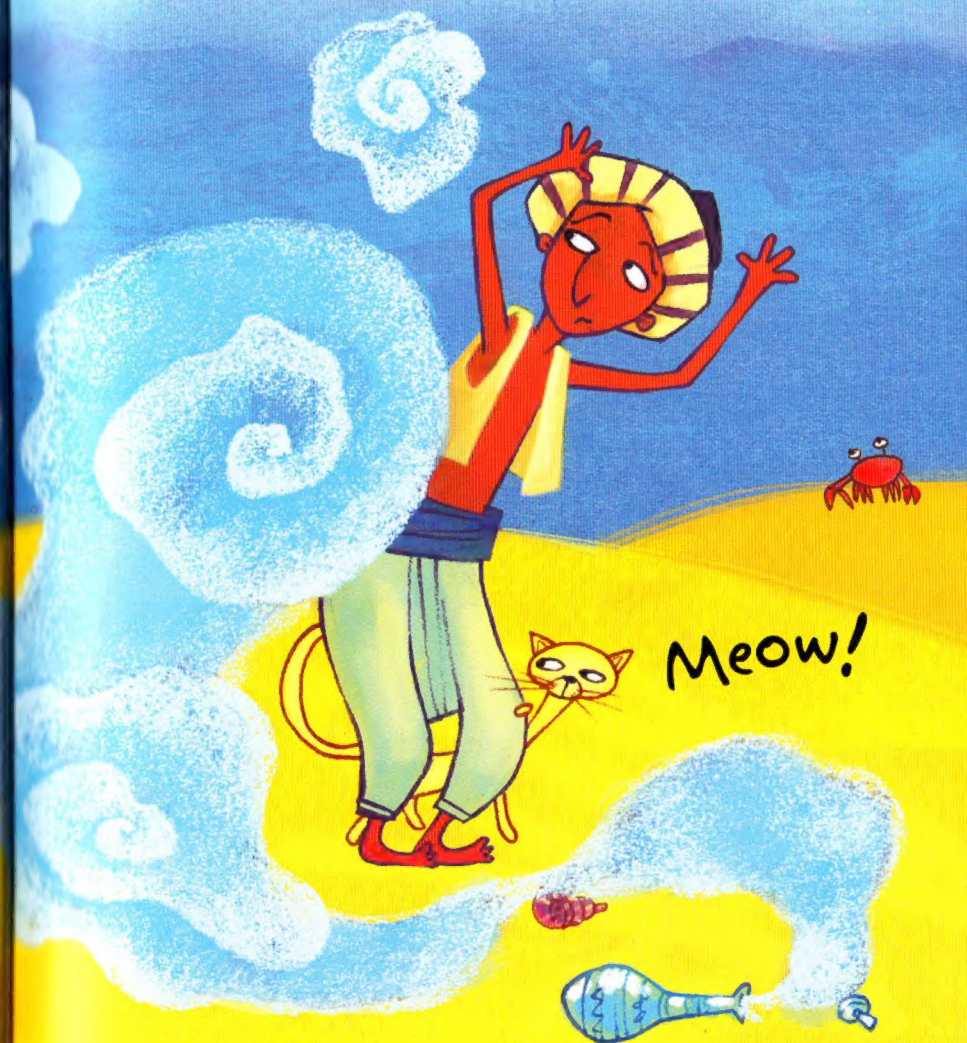
“Help,” cried the fisherman. “A genie!”





The genie's tummy
rumbled.

"I'm hungry," he growled.
"I'm going to EAT you!"



Meow!

"That's not very kind,"
said the fisherman.



I don't care.



"I'm hungry," shouted
the genie. "I've been in
that bottle for a long,
long time."

The fisherman
thought fast.



"You were *inside* this
bottle?" he asked.



The fisherman laughed.
“You’d never fit,” he said.
“Watch,” said the genie.



He whooshed back in...

...and the fisherman
pushed the stopper
in hard.





Then the fisherman
went on fishing...



...and caught a tasty
fish for dinner.

PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot all the things
the fisherman caught?



seaweed shells sock
bottle fish



Puzzle 2

Which sound goes where?

A



B



C



D



Yuck!

Meow!

Purrrrr

CLUNK!

Puzzle 3

Put these pictures in order.

A



B



C



D



Puzzle 4

Spot the five differences
between these two pictures.



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Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2

A



Clunk!

B



Purrrr

C



Meow!

D



Yuck!

Puzzle 3

1. B



2. D



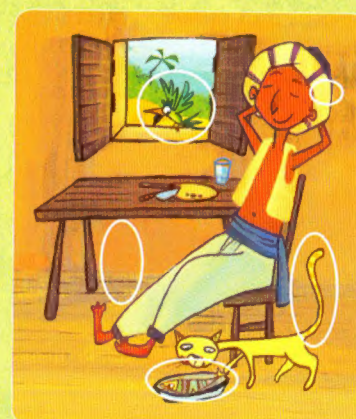
3. A



4. C



Puzzle 4




About the story

"The Genie in the Bottle" comes from a very old collection of stories known as *The Arabian Nights*. People say the stories were invented to entertain the King of Persia, by his clever and beautiful wife.



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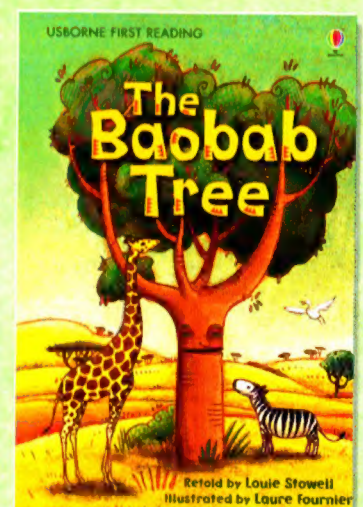
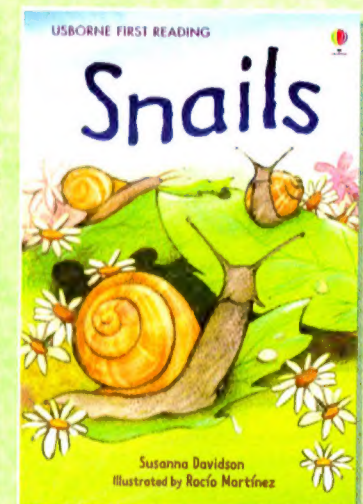
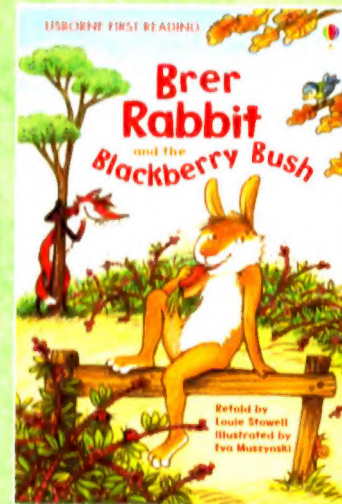
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